

to bring me back again into the Army, as I flatter myself that what
he said was out of regards to me. I must return him Thanks for his
kind Endeavours to have that accomplished which he imagined was
agreeable to my Wishes, he likewise tells me that he has found a
good Deal of Difficulty in getting his Accounts pass'd, but that at last
he has obtained his Quibus - I am very far from thinking that Gov.
Denny did well in Selling without having first taken good Advice thereon
so many Slags of Silver to enable the Merch^{ts} of Phil^a to go into the
Enemy's Ports in Hispaniola & purchase Sugars there for the European Mar-
kets, but at the same time I do not entertain so ill an Opinion of those
who were concerned in that Trade as You seem to do, for I cannot help
thinking that it was for the Interest of Great Britain in general since
the Profits to those that carried it on amounted to much more than the
French Planters get for their Sugars, which were mostly purchased with
manufactures brought to America from Great Britain & being sent to
Europe in English Bottoms were sold at Leghorn, Genoa, Amsterdam, &
other Foreign Ports as I have been told for Cash which was remitted from
those Places to Great Britain to purchase more Goods there for the same Trade,
& the Consumption of America. Those Gentlemen whose Interest lies
in the British Sugar Islands may possibly have in some measure suffered
by it because it prevented their Sugars Selling at such extravagant Prices
as they would otherwise have done, but then as most of their Sugars would
have been still consumed in Great Britain & these Colonies (for they could not
supply both the English & Foreign Markets) the Inhabitants of Great
Britain must have been impoverished just so much the more to make
the West Indians more rich, & if the Value of their Estates is not vastly

enlarged